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1. IN COURSE OF DINNER MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMSTRONG ON MARCH 28, DANISH UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS JENS CHRISTENSEN SAID HE VERY CONCERNED OVER PROPOSAL MADE " A FEW DAYS AGO" BY STATE TO DANISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT BORNHOLM AND FAROESE SALMON QUOTA FOR 1973 BE REDUCED BY AMOUNT GREENLANDERS WENT OVER QUOTA LAST YEAR. CHRISTENSEN RECALLED THAT SALMON FISHING ISSUE CAUSED GOVERNMENT SERIOUS POLITICAL CRISIS IN PARLIAMENT LAST FALL(COPENHAGEN 5331 AND PREVIOUS), AND THAT ASKING BORNHOLMERS AND FAROESE TO REDUCE CATCH THIS YEAR WOULD LIKELY HAVE EVEN MORE SERIOUS POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES AND DAMAGE US- DANISH RELATIONS AT TIME WHEN THESE APPEAR TO BE IMPROVING.

2. EMBASSY OFFICIALS COULD DO NO MORE THAN NOTE CHRISTENSEN CONCERN SINCE WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN ADVISED BY DEPARTMENT OF REPRESENTATIONS TO WHICH CHRISTENSEN REFERRED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION.
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